

Appl. N . 09/377,740
Amendment dated January 15, 2004
Reply to Office Action of December 30, 2003

Remarks

Claims 15-19 and 24-26 are pending in the application, with claims 15 and 24 being the independent claims. Claims 1-14 had previously been canceled, and claims 20-23 are canceled by the present amendment.

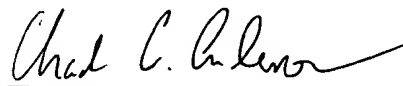
The indication that claims 15-19 and 24-26 are allowed is gratefully noted. The cancellation of claims 20-23 should place the application in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

A Notice of Allowance with claims 15-19 and 24-26 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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